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Lawrence Noble, General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

By: Certified Mail

Re: Illegal Campaign Contributions

Dear Mr. Noble:

This letter is a complaint against the Los Angeles Times Newspaper and Cable Network News for violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

The above named corporations are co-sponsoring a debate among candidates for the Democratic Nomination for President, to be held on March 1, 2000 in Los Angeles, California. (See Attachment 1.) Only Vice-President Al Gore and Senator Bill Bradley have been invited to attend. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the only other candidate in the California Democratic Presidential Primary has been excluded.

By any objective criteria, LaRouche should be included in the debate. Like Bradley and Gore, LaRouche was determined by the California Secretary of State to be a "generally recognized candidate," seeking

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the Democratic Nomination for President. (See Attachment 2.)

LaRouche has also demonstrated an active base of support in California, having filed a slate of 379 delegate candidates in all of California's 52 Congressional Districts. (See a Attachment 3.)

The exclusion of LaRouche is a violation of FEC regulations governing candidate debates which require debate sponsors to use "pre-established objective criteria" in determining who to invite to a debate. (11 C.F.R. § 110.13) Furthermore, staging organizations must show that those, "...criteria were not designed to result in the selection of certain pre-chosen participants. (60 Fed. Reg. 64.262 (Dec. 14, 1995)).

The March 1, 2000 debate will be televised nationally and throughout the State of California. To provide Mr. Gore and Mr. Bradley with national T.V. and radio exposure, just 6 days before California's March 7 Democratic Primary, while excluding their only rival in that election, amounts to an expenditure of funds in support of their candidacies and against LaRouche's candidacy.

Upon information and belief, the sponsoring organizations are corporations. Expenditures on behalf of a candidate for President by a corporation is prohibited under U.S.C. 441b.

The addresses of the sponsoring organizations are:

L.A. Times  
Times Mirror Square  
Los Angeles, CA 90053

Cable Network News  
820 First St. N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

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Sincerely,

*Patricia Salisbury*

Patricia D. Salisbury  
800-929-7566

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SS:

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## L.A. Times and CNN to Host Democratic, GOP Debates Before March 7 Presidential Primaries

LOS ANGELES, May 10, 1999 – The Los Angeles Times and CNN will jointly host debates among the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates in Los Angeles on March 1 and 2 of next year, the two news organizations announced. The debates will precede the 2000 campaign's pivotal presidential primary day, March 7, when California, New York and at least six other states have scheduled their votes.

The Democratic candidates will be invited to debate on Wednesday evening, March 1, and the Republicans on Thursday, March 2, the two organizations said. The debates will be held in Los Angeles and broadcast by CNN.

"We're very pleased to organize this debate as a service to our readers and other voters in California and across the nation," said Mark H. Willes, publisher of The Times and chairman of the newspaper's parent company, Times Mirror. "We expect these will be two of the most interesting political events of the year."

"We're delighted to be broadcasting these important debates and proud to be working on them with our friends and colleagues at the Los Angeles Times," said CNN Chairman and CEO Tom Johnson.

CNN/U.S., a division of the CNN News Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., is the world's leading 24-hour news network, providing its audience with in-depth, live coverage and analysis of breaking news events from around the world. CNN/U.S. also offers a full range of programs covering the latest in business, weather,

sports, entertainment, health and science news, as well as topical, in-depth interviews.

The Los Angeles Times is the nation's largest metropolitan newspaper, with a daily circulation of almost 1.1 million in Southern California and a National Edition that circulates in other parts of California, several Western states, New York City and Washington, D.C. The Times also hosted a debate among candidates for governor of California in 1998.

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## RELEASE

**California Secretary of State Bill Jones**

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Monday, November 8, 1999

Contact: Beth Miller  
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**Secretary Jones Announces Pat Buchanan Off But Donald Trump On  
California's March 7<sup>th</sup> 2000 Presidential Primary Ballot;  
Jones Makes Initial Selection of Presidential Candidates For March 2000 Primary Election;  
Candidates Have Until December 30<sup>th</sup> to Be Placed on Ballot**

SACRAMENTO - Per his request to Secretary of State Bill Jones, Reform Party presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan's name will not appear alongside the 22 candidates initially selected by Secretary Jones today to appear on California's March 7<sup>th</sup> presidential primary ballot.

"The candidates included in today's initial selection represent a broad spectrum of beliefs, policies and positions on the issues that California voters are interested in," said Secretary of State Jones. "For the first time in more than a generation, California voters will have the power to determine the outcome of the presidential primary election. That's the main reason I so strongly advocated moving California's primary from June to the first Tuesday in March.

"Another reason I wanted to move the primary was to increase voter participation and turnout. The more competitive these 22 candidates are going into the March 7<sup>th</sup> primary the more decisive a role California voters will play," added Jones.

Secretary Jones has the option to place additional names on the ballot until December 30, 1999, when he officially certifies the presidential candidate list. He is not allowed to remove any names from the ballot once they have been announced. However, if today's selected candidates desire to have their names withdrawn from California's primary election ballot, they must file an affidavit requesting their names be removed, with the Secretary of State's office, by January 3, 2000, the 64<sup>th</sup> day before the election.

The major party candidates selected by Secretary Jones are those who are "generally recognized" throughout the United States or California as candidates actively seeking their respective party nominations. In addition, all qualified political parties in California are asked to submit a list of candidates whom they recognize as seeking their party's nomination.

A complete listing of the candidates selected by Secretary Jones today is attached.

Presidential hopefuls not selected today by Secretary Jones may be placed on the ballot by circulating petitions. Unselected Democratic candidates would need signatures of registered Democrats equal to not less than one percent or 500, whichever is fewer, of the party's registration in each of the 52 congressional districts. Unselected Republican, American Independent, Green, Natural Law, Libertarian and Reform Party candidates would be required to submit signatures of party members equal to not less than one percent of the party's statewide registration totals as of October 1999.

**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**  
**MARCH 7, 2000 PRIMARY ELECTION**  
(As of November 8, 1999 – alphabetical order by Party)

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

- Bill Bradley
- Al Gore
- Lyndon LaRouche

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

- Gary Bauer
- George W. Bush
- Steve Forbes
- Orrin Hatch
- Alan Keyes
- John McCain

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY**

- Howard Phillips/Joseph Sobran (Nominated)

**GREEN PARTY**

- Joel Kovel
- Ralph Nader

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

- Harry Browne
- Larry Hines
- Dave Hollist
- Kip Lee
- L. Neil Smith

**NATURAL LAW PARTY**

- John Hagelin

**REFORM PARTY**

- Robert Bowman
- Charles Collins
- Donald Trump
- George D. Weber

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*Secretary of State*  
*State of California*

November 8, 1999

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Lyndon LaRouche  
Committee for a New Bretton Woods  
P. O. Box 89  
Leesburg, VA 20178

Dear Mr. LaRouche:

Today I am announcing that I am placing your name on California's March 7, 2000 primary election ballot as a candidate for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

According to California's Election Code, today, the 120<sup>th</sup> day before the election, is the day that I must announce those candidates' names that I have initially selected to appear on the ballot. However, the final day to certify the list of candidates for the primary ballot is December 30, 1999. If at any time until that date you wish to withdraw from the race, you may submit an affidavit so stating and I will remove your name from our ballot.

Unless you direct otherwise, your name will appear on the ballot as it does on the enclosed list of candidates for all qualified parties. If you prefer that your name appear in a different manner than listed here or if you have questions about any further ballot access requirements, please contact Melissa Warren in my Elections Division at (916) 657-2189.

If I can be of assistance to you in any way throughout this campaign season, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**BILL JONES**  
Secretary of State

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**Information Sheet of Qualifications and Requirements**

**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

**MARCH 7, 2000 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**I. QUALIFICATIONS**

The candidate must:

- A. Be a natural-born citizen of the United States
- B. Be at least 35 years of age, and
- C. Be a resident of the United States at least 14 years.

US Constitution, Art. II, §1(5)

**II. REQUIREMENTS**

There are two basic methods by which a person may have his or her name placed on the ballot as a presidential candidate in the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary Election:

- 1. by the Secretary of State as a generally-recognized candidate, or
- 2. by circulating nomination petitions.

**A. Generally-Recognized Candidates**

- 1. The Secretary of State announces the names of individuals he has determined to be generally advocated for or recognized throughout the United States or California as actively seeking the nomination of the Democratic Party for President.  
Elections Code §6041<sup>1</sup>

- a. Criteria for determining "generally-recognized" candidates include, but are not limited to:

<sup>1</sup> All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless stated otherwise.

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- (1) Qualification for federal matching funds from the Federal Election Commission;
  - (2) Appearing on ballots for President in primary elections in other states; ↵
  - (3) Extensive coverage by the news media as viable candidates;
  - (4) Inclusion in national or statewide public opinion polls and surveys.
2. The Secretary of State must make this determination by November 8, 1999 and publicly announce it. §6041
3. Following this announcement, the Secretary of State may add presidential candidates to the selection but may not delete any candidate unless the candidate withdraws in accordance with the provisions of Elections Code §6042. The last day to withdraw is January 3, 2000. §§6041, 6042

B. Circulation of Nomination Petitions for Candidates Not Selected by the Secretary of State or Uncommitted Delegations

1. Any candidate not selected by the Secretary of State or any uncommitted delegation desiring to be placed on the presidential primary ballot shall have nomination papers circulated on behalf of the candidacy. §6061
2. To qualify for placement on the presidential primary election ballot, the nomination papers of the candidate or uncommitted delegation must be signed by registered Democrats equal in number to not less than 1 percent, or 500, whichever is fewer, of the number of persons registered as members of the Democratic Party as of October 24, 1999 in each congressional district. 10000  
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3. Each signer of a nomination paper may sign only one paper. The signer shall declare his or her intention to support the candidate or delegation named on the nomination paper. 20000  
§6104
4. Each section of the nomination paper shall be delivered to the elections official of the county where the signer resides and is a voter and where the petition was circulated. §§6101, 6108
5. The period for circulating these petitions is November 8, 1999 through December 23, 1999. §6122
6. The last day to file nomination papers with the county elections official is December 23, 1999. §6122

7. Appointment of Circulators -- The steering committee, or its duly authorized representatives, may appoint circulators to circulate nomination papers. §§6082, 6120
- a) Circulators shall be voters and shall serve within the county in which the circulators reside. §6121
- b) The form on which the circulators are appointed shall be filed with the elections official of the county in which the circulators reside at or before the time the nomination paper of the candidate is left with the county elections official for examination. §6120
- c) Additional circulators may be appointed in the same manner as the original circulators were appointed. §6120
8. By January 8, 2000, the Secretary of State shall prepare a certified list containing the name of each candidate who is entitled to be voted for on the ballot at the presidential primary, and the name of each chairperson of a steering committee of an uncommitted delegation who is to be voted for on the same ballot. §6180

II) **APPOINTMENT OF STEERING COMMITTEES**

- A. Each selected candidate, unselected candidate, and uncommitted delegation is required to appoint a seven-member steering committee and shall appoint one of the members to serve as chairperson. §6080
- B. The chairperson of the steering committee, by December 13, 1999, shall file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the names and addresses of the members of the committee. §6081
- C. For other duties and responsibilities of the steering committee and/or the chairperson of the steering committee, refer to §§ 6082 - 6087 of the California Elections Code.

IV. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. The California Elections Code contains various requirements, which must be met by anyone planning to run as a presidential candidate in the Democratic Party. Prospective candidates and delegates should review these laws well in advance of the March 7, 2000 Primary Election. For further information, the candidate is advised to consult California Elections Code §§ 6000 et. seq. This code is available on the Internet at the Legislative Counsel's site: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>.

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- B. Prospective candidates and delegates should contact the California Democratic Party at 911-20th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 for additional duties and responsibilities not specified in the Elections Code or items not filed with the Secretary of State or county elections officials.
  - C. The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office does not provide forms for presidential candidates. The candidate is directed to the California Elections Code sections cited above for information about what is required on such forms.
  - D. Because of the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act, As Amended, a candidate for President should contact the Federal Election Commission (999 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20463 or toll-free phone number 1-800-424-9530) for a copy of the Act and related regulations which govern the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions and expenditures, and the forms on which to file such disclosure information.
  - E. Although unlikely at this time, the California Legislature may still amend the laws pertaining to candidates running in the March 2000 Presidential Primary. Therefore, it is important for candidates to confirm the validity of the foregoing information in November of 1999.
  - F. Write-in Candidates: Any person who believes his/her name may be written in on a ballot as a candidate for President shall file an endorsement of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State not later than February 15, 2000. See Elections Code §§6240 and 6241.
  - G. This material is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law or procedures since publication of this information.

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Attachment 3

RECEIPT FOR FILING OF  
DISTRICT-LEVEL  
DELEGATE APPLICATIONS

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I, Shelby Lee, hereby acknowledge receipt, at the offices  
(Print Name)  
of the California Democratic Party, at 911-20th Street in Sacramento, CA. 95814-3115,  
of 379 completed "Form A" Year 2000 Committed District-Level Delegate  
Applications, pledged to Democratic Presidential Pre-Candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche.

Shelby Lee (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Position) \_\_\_\_\_  
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